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1. The National Water Commission (Comision Nacional del Agua-CNA) is planning to invite private companies to bid on the construction of at least 36 new wastewater treatment plants during 2005 and 2006. It is expected that the plants will be financed by BANOBRAS (Mexico's Public Works Bank).

2. CNA is coordinating the below two projects to be tendered with the State of Baja California's Water Utility.

a. Mexicali (Las Arenitas) Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant with a capacity to treat 504 liters per second.

b. Tijuana (Monte los Olivos) Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant with a capacity to treat 276 liters per second.

3. At the end of 2004, the State of Baja California had 15 municipal wastewater treatment plants that were only treating 25 percent of the wastewater generated by over 1.9 million people living in five municipalities. The two new plants will increase the treatment capacity to 40 percent of the total wastewater that is generated annually by urban areas in the municipalities of Mexicali and Tijuana.

4. To participate in bids, U.S. companies should become familiar with CNA and appoint a local representative who can monitor domestic and international tenders that may be of interest to the U.S. firm. Government tenders are governed by Mexico's public works laws, and it is best for U.S. companies to have a Mexican representative to guide them through officials tendering processes.

5. We recommended that interested companies review the list of tenders published each Tuesday and Thursday in the Mexican Official Gazette (Diario Oficial). The tenders can be viewed online at the following web-site: <http://www.compranet.gob.mx>

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